

**Southern Police Commission
Monthly Meeting
January 4, 2017**

A public meeting of the Southern Police Commission was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at the New Freedom Borough Council Chambers, 49 East High Street, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Commission Members Present: Roy Burkins, Bruce Merrill, Pete Schnabel, John Trout, Jeff Halapin, Mike Sharkey, Doug Young, Buck Buchanan, and Kenton Kurtz

Solicitor: Peter Ruth

Alternate Members Present: John-Paul Whitmore, Victoria Ribeiro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence for all police officers, firefighters, and EMT's who were killed in the line of duty, as well as State Trooper Weaver who lost his life in the line of duty.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Newly appointed Alternate Commission Members were sworn in by John Trout:
 - Doug Young – Glen Rock – Council President
 - Victoria Ribeiro – Glen Rock – Councilperson
- John Trout shared two letters:
 - Officer Paul Heffner served notice that the Southern Regional Police Officers Association has rescinded the grievance filed on 11/23/2016 related to the disputed pension contribution.
 - Tanya Crawford, New Freedom Borough Administrator, submitted notice that business agencies Atlantic Tactical and Brown, Schultz, Sheridan & Fritz will be retained to appraise and establish current capitol assets of Southern Regional Police Department pursuant to Article I, Section 1 of the Intergovernmental Agreement, in relation to the Borough's Notice of Withdrawal.
- John Trout stated that this is a contract year and a Negotiation Committee needs to be appointed. Anyone willing to serve on this committee should email John.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINUTES

- Roy Burkins made a motion to approve the December minutes pending a change to the contact person for use of the Speed Spy, from Officer Lawrence to Chief Boddington; Second: Bruce Merrill. Motion carried.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2016 EXPENDITURES

- Monthly expenditures totaled \$190,015.58 utilizing checks 10282-10313.
- Jeff Halapin made a motion to approve December expenditures; Second: Pete Schnabel. Motion carried.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Boddington met with consultant Ron Smeal on December 27, to review his December 19 visit and subsequent interviews with staff and Commission members. Ron Smeal expects the preliminary report to be ready by the Commission's February meeting.

- John Trout suggested that the preliminary document be reviewed at a Continuation Meeting – either on January 17 or February 21. Chief Boddington will inquire with Mr. Smeal to see what date best suits his schedule.
- Chief Boddington informed the Commission that Southern Regional Police Department received a \$250 donation from JJ Hartenstein Mortuary.

PERSONNEL

- Peter Schnabel will coordinate the Personnel Committee’s schedules to meet with Chief Boddington for his 2016 performance evaluation.

FINANCE & BUDGET

- Due to the Holiday and the timing of the scheduled Commission meeting, Buck Buchanan requested more time to review the 2016 budget versus actual results.

TRACKING DOCUMENT

- Peter Schnabel reviewed the Tracking Document
 - Contracts for Police Services – complete
 - Chief Boddington’s Review – TBD
 - Conflict Resolution – Consultant Ronald Smeal will tentatively present a preliminary report in February; final report in March
 - Pete Schnabel shared a Managing Conflict document presented by PSAB.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

- Peter Ruth presented a Proof of Publication document, advertising 2017 Commission Meeting dates. They are as follows:

February 1	March 1
April 5	May 3
June 7	July 18
August 2	September 6
October 4	November 1
December 6	

NEW BUSINESS

- Jeff Halapin made a motion to approve the valuation process of SRPD by Atlantic Tactical and Brown, Schultz, Sheridan & Fritz, on behalf of New Freedom Borough, to begin in February. Second: Kenton Kurtz. Opposed: Michael Sharkey. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

- Jeff Halapin made a motion for a continuation meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 17. Second: Roy Burkins.